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SUBJECT: STAGING OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES THROUGH GUAM

PERSONAL FROM AMBASSADOR BROWN

1. I AM KEENLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH  
THE SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED INFLUX OF GREAT NUMBERS OF  
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES MUST BE CAUSING YOU.

2. FIRST, LET ME EXPLAIN WHY THEY ARE BEING STAGED  
THROUGH GUAM RATHER THAN FOREIGN BASES, HAWAII OR  
DIRECTLY TO THE MAINLAND USA. THE MILITARY SITUATION  
AROUND SAIGON AND THE NEED FOR EVACUTING LARGE NUMBERS  
HAS DEVELOPED SO RAPIDLY THAT GUAM HAS BECOME THE ONLY  
FEASIBLE STAGING POINT.

A. FLYING TIMES FROM SAIGON TO CLARK AND GUAM ARE  
SHORT ENOUGH TO PERMIT HIGH-DENSITY SHUTTLE OPERATIONS.

B. NEGOTIATIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR ALTERNATE  
STAGING AREAS WERE BECOMING SO PROTRACTED AND SHARPLY  
CONDITIONED AS TO MAKE THIS ALTERNATIVE IMPRACTICAL.

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3. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS SERIOUS POPULAR CONCERN THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF THESE REFUGEES WILL REMAIN ON GUAM.

LET ME ASSURE YOU EMPHATICALLY THIS IS NOT OUR INTENTION. WE HAVE ALREADY SECURED PAROLE AUTHORITY FROM THE CONGRESS FOR THE ADMISSION OF LARGE GROUPS OF THESE REFUGEES TO THE UNITED STATES, AND ARE RUSHING IMMIGRATION AND CONSULAR OFFICERS TO GUAM TO PROCESS THESE PEOPLE JUST AS RAPIDLY AS WE CAN. REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN HUMANITARIAN VOLUNTEER AGENCIES WILL BE ARRIVING TO ASSIST IN LOCATING SPONSORS FOR THEM. WE ARE ALSO ACTIVELY ENGAGING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION TO ARRANGE RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES FOR MANY OF THESE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

4. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO HOUSE AND CARE FOR THE INITIAL ARRIVALS ON THE CIVILIAN ECONOMY TEMPORARILY, CINCPAC IS WORKING HARD TO SET UP FACILITIES TO HANDLE THEM ALL AT MILITARY FACILITIES SO THAT CONTACT WITH THE GUAMANIAN POPULATION WILL BE AS LIMITED AS POSSIBLE.

5. I HOPE THAT THE FOREGOING, WHICH REPRESENTS OUR CLEAR POLICIES, WILL BE HELPFUL TO YOU AND THAT YOU CAN USE IT TO REASSURE YOUR COLLEAGUES.

6. FINALLY, WE ARE ALL HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY THE WAY YOU AND ALL YOUR ASSOCIATES ARE TURNING TO ON A TREMENDOUS JOB. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. REGARDS. KISSINGER

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